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Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973

Whereas General Elections to the 11 Municipal Councils in Goa are scheduled to be held on 25-10-2015;

And whereas, it is of paramount importance that the election to the Municipal Councils are conducted in free and fair manner without disturbing public peace, order and tranquility and without the violation of the provisions of the Model Code of Conduct which is already in force with effect from 25-09-2015;

And whereas, it is likely that political confrontations may start on the eve of poll from bars, hotel, restaurants, cafes, eateries, food joints (dhabas) etc. which are misused to influence voters, particularly within the vicinity of the Polling Stations;

And whereas Sections 171-B and 171-C of Indian Penal Code (IPC) clearly disallow attempts of bribery and undue influence of any person or voter and

whoever commits offence of bribery is punishable under Section 171-E of the IPC and whoever commits an offence of undue influence or impersonation at an election is punishable under Section 171-F of IPC;

Now, therefore, I, Nila Mohanan, IAS, District Magistrate of North Goa, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144(1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, do hereby order that on the day of Poll, viz. 25-10-2015 all the hotels, restaurants, bars, tea-shops, food joints (dhabas), eateries, cafes, etc., within 200 metres of all the Polling Stations in respect of 4 Municipal Councils, namely; Pernem, Bicholim, Valpoi and Mapusa shall remain closed between 6.00 hours and 22.00 hours and I further prohibit gathering of more than five persons (including contesting candidates and workers) within 200 metres of the Polling Stations. These restrictions shall not apply to the Officers appointed by the State Election Commission, Magistrates on duty, Police Personnel and all officials on Poll duty.

As the notice cannot be served individually on all concerned, the order is hereby passed ex-parte.

Any person contravening this order shall be punishable under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code.

Given under my hand and seal on this 23rd day of October, 2015.

Nilu Mohanan, IAS,
District Magistrate,
North Goa.

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